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THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN
THE TEMPLE
COMMONLY CALLED
THE PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY
THE VIRGIN

If this Feast shall fall on Septuagesima, Sexagesima, or Quinquagesima Sunday, then shall there only be the Blessing and Distribution of candles and the Procession ; and the Mass of the Feast shall be transferred to the next day following, unless any greater Feast fall thereon.

¶ *The office being said the Priest, wearing a purple cope, or without a chasuble (the Ministers being vested in like manner), shall go to bless the candles, which shall be set in the middle afore the Altar or at the Epistle corner, and, his hands being joined, shall say in the tone appointed for use on common days :*

N. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

(Let us pray.)

PRAYER.

O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, who hast made all things out of nothing, and hast appointed that the labours of bees should be formed into wax by thine ordinance ; who didst likewise as on this day fulfil the prayers of thy righteous servant Simeon ; we humbly beseech thee that thou wouldest vouchsafe, by the power of thy holy Name, and at the intercession of blessed Mary ever-Virgin, whose festival we this day devoutly celebrate, and of all thy Saints, to bless and sanctify these candles for the use of men, and for their protection both in body and soul in all perils of land or sea. Hear, O Lord, we humbly pray thee, from thy holy heaven and from the throne of thy glory the voice of this thy people, that seeketh to bear them forth to thy glory and to sing thy praises. And we humbly beseech thee that thou wouldest have mercy on all them that call upon

thee, whom thou hast redeemed with the precious Blood of thy dear Son ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who as on this day didst suffer thy only-begotten Son to be presented in the temple and to be received in the arms of Saint Simeon ; we humbly beseech thy mercy that like as we thy servants, taking these candles do seek to light them and bear them to the glory of thy Name, so thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless and sanctify the same ; that we being made worthy of offering them unto thee, our Lord and our God, and being enkindled with the holy flame of thy most gracious charity, may be found meet to be presented before thee in the temple of thy glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who art the true light that lightenest every man that cometh into the world ; we beseech thee to pour out thy blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them with the light of thy grace : and mercifully grant, that even as they with their outward flame do scatter the darkness of night, so our hearts being inflamed with the inward brightness of thy Holy Spirit may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity : that the eyes of our souls being enlightened may discern such things as are pleasing unto thee and profitable unto us for our salvation ; that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world we may attain in the end to light everlasting, through thee, O blessed Jesu, Redeemer of the world, who in the unity of the blessed Trinity livest and reignest God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the mouth of Moses thy servant didst command the children of Israel to bring pure olive oil for the lamps to burn always before

thy face ; we beseech thee to pour the blessing of thy grace on these candles, that like as they shed forth on us their outward beams, so of thy bounteous goodness the light of thy Holy Spirit may never fail to enlighten us inwardly in our souls. Through. . . . In the unity of the same Holy Spirit. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who as on this day appearing among men in the substance of our flesh wast presented by thy parents in the temple ; whom Simeon in his old age, being enlightened by the light of thy Spirit, knew and blessed, taking thee in his arms ; mercifully grant that we, being enlightened and instructed by the grace of the same Spirit, may know thee truly in our minds and love thee faithfully with all our hearts, who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the same Spirit ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

¶ *The prayers being ended, the Celebrant shall set incense in the censer ; then shall he sprinkle the candles thrice with holy water, saying the Antiphon Thou shalt purge me, but without singing and not saying the Psalm : and he shall cense them thrice. Then shall the first of the Priests that are present approach the altar, and from him shall the Celebrant take his candle, neither genuflecting nor kissing his hand. And afterwards the Celebrant standing in the midst afore the Altar, turning to the people, delivers the candles first to the first of the Priests from whom he received the candle himself, and then to the Deacon and Subdeacon in their vestments ; and thereafter to the Priests and Deacons, if any be present, according to their order ; and finally to the people ; all genuflecting and kissing the candle and the hand of the Celebrant, excepting the Bishops if any be present. And when he beginneth to deliver the candles, the Choir shall sing :*

Antiphon. Luke ii. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Cant. Ibid. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

Then shall be repeated the whole Antiphon: To be a light, which shall be repeated in like manner after each verse.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. *Ant.* To be a light.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. *Ant.* To be a light.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. *Ant.* To be a light.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. *Ant.* To be a light.

This being done shall be sung this Antiphon: Ps. xlv. O Lord, arise, help us: and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Ps. ibid. O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have declared unto us. *V.* Glory be.

Then shall be repeated the Antiphon O Lord, arise.

Then shall the Priest say: Let us pray.

And if it be on any day after Septuagesima, not being a Sunday, the Deacon shall say:

Let us bow the knee. *R.* Arise.

COLLECT.

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy people; that this observance, whereby we do thee outward honour year by year, may by the light of thy grace bring forth fruit inwardly in our souls. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

¶ *Here followeth the Procession. And first the Celebrant shall set incense in the censer: and thereafter the Deacon turning about to the people shall say: Let us go forth in peace. And the Choir shall answer: In the Name of Christ. Amen.*

And the Thurifer shall go first with smoking censer: and after him the Subdeacon vested and bearing the Cross in the midst between two Acolytes with lighted torches: then shall follow the Clergy after their order; and last the Celebrant with the Deacon on his left, all bearing lighted candles in their hands: and the Antiphons following shall be sung.

Antiph. O Sion, adorn thy bride-chamber, and receive Christ thy King : greet Mary who is the gate of heaven : for she beareth the King of the glory of the new light : she remaineth a Virgin, yet beareth in her arms a Son begotten before the morning star ; whom Simeon took in his arms declaring to all nations that he is Lord of life and death, and Saviour of the world.

Another Antiph. *Luke ii.* It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ : and when they brought the child into the temple, then took he him up in his arms and blessed God and said : Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.

N. When his parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him according to the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms.

And as they enter the Church shall be sung :

N. They offered for him unto the Lord a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons : * As it is written in the law of the Lord.

N. When the days of Mary's purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord. As it is written in the law of the Lord.

N. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it is written in the law of the Lord.

¶ *The Procession being ended, the Celebrant and Ministers, laying aside their purple vestments, shall put on white for the Mass. And all shall hold lighted candles in their hands while the Gospel is read and from the Consecration to the Communion. But if the Mass be of the Sunday, the candles shall not be lighted.*

INTROIT.

AT THE MASS.

Ps. xlviii.

WE have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple : according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end ; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Ps. ibid. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised :
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

N. Glory be.

COLLECT.

ALmighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech
thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this
day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so
we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean
hearts by the same thy Son.

The portion of Scripture appointed for the EPISTLE
is written in the third chapter of the prophecy of Malachi,
beginning at the first verse.

Mal. iii. 1.

THUS saith the Lord God : Behold, I will send my
messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me :
and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to
his temple ; even the messenger of the covenant, whom
ye delight in ; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of
hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming ? and
who shall stand when he appeareth ? for he is like a
refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap. And he shall sit as a
refiner and purifier of silver ; and he shall purify the
sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that
they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteous-
ness. Then shall the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem
be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as
in former years. And I will come near to you to judge-
ment, and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers,
and against the adulterers, and against false-swearers,
and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages,
the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the
stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord
of hosts.

GRADUAL. *Ps. xlviii.* We have waited, O God, for
thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple : according
to thy Name, O Lord, so is thy praise unto the world's end.

N. Like as we have heard so have we seen in the
city of our God, even upon his holy hill. Alleluia,

Alleluia. I will worship towards thy holy temple : and will sing praises unto thy Name.

N. The old man bare the young child in his arms : yet was the young child the old man's king. Alleluia.

After Septuagesima shall be omitted Alleluia and the verse following, and in place thereof shall be said :

TRACT. *Luke ii.* Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. *N.* For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. *N.* Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. *N.* To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

✠ The HOLY GOSPEL is written in the second chapter of Luke, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

Luke ii. 22.

AT that time : And when the days of Mary's purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord ; (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord ;) and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord : A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon ; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel : and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said : Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word : for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people ; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.* And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of

him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother : Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel ; and for a sign which shall be spoken against ; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thine own soul also ;) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser ; she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity : and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years ; which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom ; and the grace of God was upon him.

And the Creed shall be said.

OFFERTORY. *Ps. xlv.* Full of grace are thy lips : because God hath blessed thee for ever.

SECRET.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear our prayers ; and that these gifts which we offer unto thy divine Majesty may be an acceptable offering in thy sight, do thou show forth on us the succour of thy loving-kindness. Through.

The Preface shall be said as on Christmas Day.

COMMUNION. It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Anointed.

POST-COMMUNION.

WE beseech thee, O Lord our God, that these most holy mysteries, which thou hast given unto us for the assurance of our redemption, may, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, both now and ever be a wholesome medicine for the healing of our souls. Through.



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